(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, Rs. 213.95 crore has been provided for disability sector during financial year 2003-04 under different schemes for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including extremely disabled persons.

Survey of social and educational conditions of backward classes in Karnataka

3984. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought financial help to conduct door to door survey regarding social and educational conditions of backward classes in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance sought for; and

(c) whether any action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes had sent a proposal of Rs. 15.00 crores for conducting a comprehensive survey to determine the social and educational conditions of backward classes in the State. They had requested the Central Government to provide 50% of the project cost as matching grants.

(c) The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes has already been informed that there is no scheme in this Ministry under which the financial assistance could be provided to them for the purpose.

Welfare Schemes for Handicapped Persons in Gujarat

3985. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some scheme from the Government of Gujarat for the welfare of handicapped have been pending with Government for approval for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the time by when these schemes are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.